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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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CLEARANCE TO DEFENCE PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to grant quick environmental clearances to defence projects to ensure that the projects are not delayed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps in this direction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) (b) to (d): Yes, Sir.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change consider the applications for grant of Environment Clearance from various sectors including Defence sector as per provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 as amended from time to time, which inter- alia prescribes the time-lines for considering the proposal. All Defence sector proposals are kept in Category 'A' in the EIA Notification, 2006 and considered at the Central Government level. The Ministry has constituted an Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) to consider the defence sector proposals for expediting the process for grant of Environment Clearance to such projects.